

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow are meant to impart precision to the claims, and more particularly point out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-24 were rejected. Claims 1-3, 9-11, and 17-19 have been amended, as well as portions of the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

Specification

With regard to the specification, the Examiner objected to: 1) the absence of Background of the Invention and Brief Summary of the Invention sections, 2) the presence of grammatical informalities, and 3) the absence of updated information regarding serial numbers for related applications that the instant application incorporates by reference. Applicants have amended the specification to address the Examiner's objections. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that a Brief Summary of the Invention section is optional and therefore do not include it. See, e.g., MPEP 608.01(d) ("Such summary should, when set forth, be commensurate with the invention . . .") (emphasis added). Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the objections have been overcome.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR § 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the reference sign "112" as indicated on page 4, paragraph 4, line 6 of the original specification. The appearance of reference "112" in the specification was a typographical error. The incorrect reference to the "network 112" has been corrected by amendment to the specification to now correctly reference the "network 110".

The Examiner also objected to Figures 6B and 6C because they contain descriptive elements without corresponding reference characters. In response, Applicants submit herewith replacement sheets in which reference characters now appear.

Applicants respectfully submit that the objections to the drawings have been overcome.

Claims

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(c) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,865,599 (“Zhang”). Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over Zhang.

Claims 1-16

Independent claims 1 and 9, as amended, recite a first information handling system, a second information handling system, and a third information handling system. In particular, Claims 1 and 9, as amended, require a third information handling system associated with a server in the synchronization process, reciting: “**synchronizing** the translated excerpt with the second information handling system by communicating with a third information handling system associated with a server”.

The use of a third information handling system associated with a server, as recited in claims 1 and 9, provides significant advantages. For example, login and password information can be stored in a single repository and access to multiple shared resources can be centrally granted. As another example, by virtue of their processing capabilities and disk storage space, servers are optimized to handle heavy processing loads and client requests, allowing faster response times.

Zhang fails to disclose or teach synchronizing by communicating with a third information handling system associated with a server. In contrast, Zhang discloses a peer-to-peer computer

communication system. (See Abstract; Field of the Invention at col. 1, lines 22-27.) The peer-to-peer communication system in Zhang synchronizes a peer 1 and a peer 2, each having a web browser and broker. (See Figure 2.) The synchronization process in Zhang occurs directly between the two peers with no involvement from a third information handling system. (See col. 16, lines 6-8; Figure 3.) The disclosure and teaching in Zhang thus also fails to provide the attendant benefits provided by use of a third information handling system associated with a server, as recited in claims 1 and 9.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 are patentable over Zhang. Claims 2-8 and 10-16, which depend from claims 1 and 9, respectively, are patentable at least by their dependence on independent claims 1 and 9.

Claims 17-24

Independent claim 17, as amended, recites, in pertinent part: “in response to receipt of the excerpt, automatically translate the excerpt into an XML format to be compatible for operation with at least one second information handling system of the user without further translation”. The streamlined approach of claim 17 to automatically translate the excerpt into an XML format without further translation provides significant processing efficiencies.

The disclosure and teachings of Zhang are contrary. Unlike the invention of claim 17, Zhang teaches multiple translation and decoding steps before a message results in a useful XML format. In particular, Zhang discloses that “(2) The event is encoded by Broker 1 in XML, with object references serialized in XPointer expressions. (3) The XML message for the event can be packaged in a section of a specific instant message format and hence delivered by the underlying IM framework. (4) The message is received by Broker 2 and decoded back to XML. XPointer expressions are resolved to actual object references of Browser 2.” (See col. 9, lines 12.) Clearly, Zhang teaches that, even after an event is initially encoded in XML, the event is further

translated into an instant message format and, after that, decoded back to XML yet again. Zhang thus fails to teach the translation efficiency of claim 17.

Accordingly, claim 17 is patentable over Zhang. Claims 18-24, which depend from claim 17, are patentable at least by their dependence on claim 17.

In sum, at least for the above reasons, claims 1-24 are patentable over Zhang.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2638 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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